

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This action is responsive to the amendment dated 5/15/2009. Claims 1-22 are currently pending in the application.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James Finder on 7/2/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1

Line 1: "the" has been deleted and replaced with --a-- so as to read "...a fragrance into a surrounding room..."

Claim 4

Line 2: "inner" has been deleted and replaced with --opposed—

Claim 13

Line 1: "plastics" has been deleted and replaced with --plastic--

Claim 14

Line 2: "plastics" has been deleted and replaced with --plastic--

Claim 19

Line 2: --second block of-- has been inserted so as to read "...producing the housing and molding the second block of the fragrance material..."

Claim 20

Line 1: "a treatment block" has been deleted and replaced with --the first block of the treatment composition--

Claim 21

Line 2: "plastics" has been deleted and replaced with --plastic--

Line 2: --having the wall opening-- has been inserted so as to read "...one portion of which consists of the wall having the wall opening plugged by the fragrance block..."

Claim 22

Line 1: "the" has been deleted and replaced with --a--, so as to read "...a treatment composition into a bowl of a toilet.."

Line 2: "the" has been deleted and replaced with --a--, so as to read "...a fragrance into a surrounding room..."

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-22 are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: In combination with the other elements of the claims a first block of treatment composition for releasing into a toilet and a second block of fragrance material held in a housing and for releasing into a surrounding room" was not found. Further, the arrangement as set forth in independent claims 1 and 22 would not have been obvious to one having

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ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made. The examiner's amendment above provides proper antecedent basis the claim language used in claims 1, 4, 13-14, and 19-22.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KAREN YOUNKINS whose telephone number is (571)270-7417. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 7:30am to 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory Huson can be reached on (571)272-4887. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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